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In response to the Office Action dated December 5, 2001, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on March 5, 2002, please enter the following amendments and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 20-0782/WEAT/0091/WBP, along with any other fees to make this response timely.

IN THE CLAIMS:

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00000001 200782 69692592 / Please cancel claim 3, amend claims 1, 2, 4, 8, 9, 17, and 18 and add new

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> A cement shoe assembly for use in a wellbore comprising: (Amended)

a tubular housing for disposal at an end of a tubular string, the housing having an enlarged inner diameter portion at a lower end of the housing; and

a drillable cement shoe pertion disposed in the housing, the cement shoe portion in selective fluid communication with the tubular string.